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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/920,286; Filed: August 2, 2001
For: **Process for the Production of Multiple Cross-Linked
Hyaluronic Acid Derivatives**
Inventor: Xiaobin Zhao
Our Ref: 0623.1110001/JMC/MGP

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S.
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1. PTO Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17) (*in duplicate*);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) (*in duplicate*);
3. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application;
4. An original Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application;
5. A one (1) page abstract;
6. An original executed Power of Attorney from Assignee with Delegation;
7. A Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) from Assignee, executed by an officer of Vitrolife UK Limited, with a copy of the Assignment attached thereto;
8. One (1) return postcard; and
9. Our Check No. 33722 for \$1,296.00 to cover:
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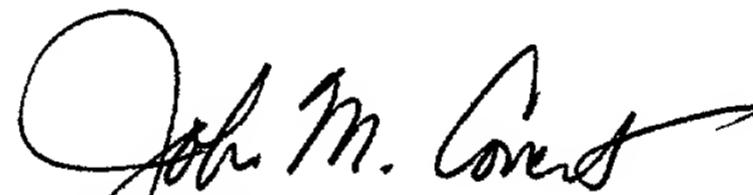
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Respectfully submitted,

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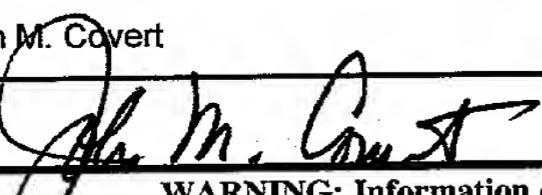
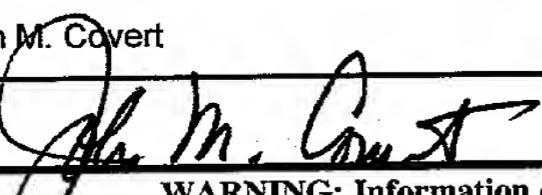
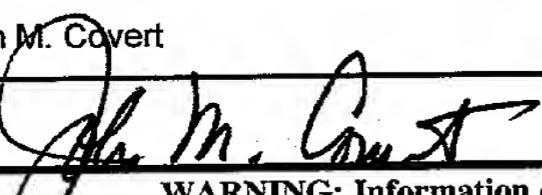
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$342.
 - \$72 for 4 total claims over 20.
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- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 1182.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

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- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).
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